



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
EVELYN SANGUINETTI – LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Joint Meeting:

Illinois Rivers Coordinating Council
Mississippi River Coordinating Council
Wabash and Ohio Rivers Coordinating Council

Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti, Chair

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Wednesday, March 25, 2015

Conference Room A-1
Stratton Building
401 S Spring Street
Springfield, Illinois

3:00 PM

Call to Order:

3:11pm Lt. Governor Sanguinetti welcomed members and the audience to the first quarterly meeting of the Illinois River, Mississippi River, and Wabash and Ohio Rivers Coordinating Council.

Attendance:

The roll was called by Leah Guffey down state coordinator for the Lt. Governor

Citizen Members:

Illinois River Coordinating Council (IRCC)

Present: Mr. Doug Blodgett, Mr. Lee Bunting, Mr. Wendell Shauman, and Mr. Richard Worthen

Absent: Ms. Daphne Mitchell, Mr. Mathew Ryan, Ms. Margaret Frisbe

Mississippi River Council (MRCC)

Present: Mr. Richard Nowack, Mr. Wendell Shauman, Mr. Ed Weilbacher

Absent: Ms. Jamie Nash-Mayberry, Ms. Pamela Peter, Ms. Sharri DeVrieze, Mr. Tim Dimke, Ms. Valarie Barko, Ms. Annie Walker

Ohio and Wabash River Council (OWCC)

Present: None

Absent: Mr. Thomas Anderson, Mr. Keith Hocking, Mr. Carl Reisman, Mr. Greg Sherwood, Mr. Clark Bullard

State Agency Members:

Present:

Heidi Brown-McCreery, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity,

Lisa Bonnett, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency,

Designee for Wayne Rosenthal, Illinois Department of Natural Resources,

Designee, Illinois Department of Transportation

Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Absent:

Phil Nelson, Illinois Department of Agriculture

Quorum

- Illinois Rivers Coordinating Council-Quorum Met
- Mississippi River Coordinating Council-Quorum Met
- Wabash and Ohio Rivers Coordinating Council-Quorum Met

Approval of Minutes:

Lt. Governor Sanguinetti asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2014 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Wilbacher and seconded by Mr. Worthen. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Chairman's Remarks:

Lt. Governor Sanguinetti gave her opening remarks, and welcomed the council to the first Rivers Coordinating Council meeting under her leadership. Members then introduced themselves to the Lt. Governor and the rest of the committee members.

Many of the member's terms on the 3 Rivers Coordinating Councils were set to expire shortly. Lt. Governor Sanguinetti instructed the members on to use appointments.illinois.gov if there were interested in reapplying to serve.

Presentations:

- A) Nani Bhowmik, University of Illinois and Chair of the Science Advisory Committee for the Illinois River Coordinating Council gave a presentation on various papers done for the task force in recent years.
- B) Marcia Willhite, Illinois EPA- Bureau of Water: Presented on Illinois EPA's Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.
- C) Doug Blodgett: Illinois River Council- Spoke on the Clean Water Act and other programs that need to be set up in Illinois in order to preserve the waterways.

New Business:

No members gave comments under new business

Public Comment:

Lt. Governor Sanguinetti introduced a motion to limit public comment to three minutes per person. Motion was made by Debbie Bruce, and seconded by Doug Blodgett. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments:

Ben Brockschmidt of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Brockschmidt talked about their recent report, "Gaining Insight into GLMRIS" co-authored by the Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development. A copy of the report was submitted into the record.

Mark Ayers, Former Lt. Governor Simon Staffer on the Rivers Council

Mr. Ayers was there to observe and to let the new administration know that he would be a contact for them if needed. He noted his appreciation for Lt. Governor Sanguinetti's staff for reaching out to him in advance of the meeting.

Adjournment:

Seeing no more public comments, adjournment was called by Lt. Governor Sanguinetti. The motion was moved by Rich Norwack and seconded by Mr. Shauman.

Meeting was adjourned by Lt. Governor Sanguinetti at 4:36 PM.

